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SUBJ: FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS

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1. ACTING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER DOUBLEDAY INFORMED EMBASSY THAT IN CONVERSATION WITH MINEXTAFF PERMSEC RUSSELL THIS MORNING LATTER TOLD HIM THAT MINISTER ADDERLEY HAD IN FACT INTENDED TO SEND A NOTE TO EMBASSY IN EARLY JULY ON FACILITIES AS RELAYED TO MENNELL (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO RUSSELL, NOTE HAS IN FACT NOT REPEAT NOT BEEN SENT BECAUSE ADDERLEY HAS BEEN "TOO PREOCCUPIED" WITH LOS AND DAY-TO-DAY WORK ARISING FROM HIS OTHER DUTIES AS ATTORNEY GENERAL. ACCORDING TO DOUBLEDAY, RUSSELL MADE NO COMMENT ON CONTENT OF COMMUNICATION NOR DID HE SPECULATE ON WHEN, OR IF, IT WOULD IN FACT BE DELIVERED.

2. COMMENT: WHILE ADDERLEY HAS UNDOUBTEDLY HAD HIS HANDS FULL, EMBASSY FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT HE HAS BEEN SO BUSY AS TO BE PREVENTED FROM DISPATCHING A COMMUNICATION PRESUMABLY ALREADY CLEARED IN GCOB BUREAUCRACY. EMBASSY CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT, AS POINTED OUT IN REFTEL (PARA 6), COMMUNICATION HAS FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER BEEN HELD UP BY PINDLING OR CABINET. MENNELL IN ANY EVENT IS OFF THE HOOK, AND ON THIS POINT AT LEAST HIS REPORTING WAS ACCURATE AND BEYOND REPROACH.

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